



## SDG Indicator 12.c.1 training

### Amount of fossil-fuel subsidies per unit of GDP (production and consumption) and as a proportion of total national expenditure on fossil fuels

**September 23-24, 2021**

**9:00 – 12:00 h, Panama time (EST - UTC/GMT -5 hours)**

#### Introduction

The scale and impact of fossil fuel subsidies pose challenges and opportunities on the path to achieving the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG). On the one hand, the use of fossil fuels and their promotion through subsidy schemes, negatively affects the ability of governments to achieve key objectives, such as reducing poverty, improving health, achieving gender equality, access to energy and the fight against climate change. At the same time, it is necessary to ensure that poor households, especially vulnerable to price increases, can obtain or maintain access to energy.

The sectors of the economy that depend on this type of energy can also be affected, especially by sudden price changes. Therefore, any successful reform requires careful analysis and adapted mitigation measures. Furthermore, reallocating fossil fuel subsidies to sectors relevant to development could boost the achievement of the SDGs.

The importance of this indicator lies in knowing and sizing the existing subsidies based on reliable data, which increases transparency and informs decision-making. Reporting on a global indicator, which measures consumer and producer fossil fuel subsidies, provides a global picture. It also enables the monitoring of national and global trends, serving as an important guide for policy development.

#### **Day 1 - 23 September High-level introductory segment**

09:00 – 09:05	Presentation and agenda of the workshop	Javier Neme, UNEP ROLAC
09:05 – 09:15	Welcoming by UNEP, ECLAC and CARICOM authorities	<p>-Piedad Martin, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC) UNEP.</p> <p>-Rolando Ocampo, Director of Statistics Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).</p> <p>-Ms Faustina Wiggins, Project Officer, Regional Statistics,</p>

		Caribbean Community CARICOM
09:15-09:30	Importance of measuring fossil fuel subsidies in Latin America and the Caribbean	-Piedad Martin, Deputy Regional Director UNEP ROLAC
09:30-09:50	ECLAC's perspective on the importance of measuring and monitoring the rationalization of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies in the region.  Statistical situation of the region in relation to environmental indicators, including 12.c.1.	-José Eduardo Alatorre, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division ECLAC  -Alberto Malmierca, Statistics Division ECLAC
09:50– 09:55	Break	
09:55 - 10:25	Definitions and concepts related to FFS Approaches to estimate FFS, existing databases.	-Himanshu Sharma. Green Fiscal Policy Network Economic and Trade Policy Unit, Economy Division. UNEP
10:25 – 10:55	Presentation of the indicator template Introduction to the approaches to estimate fossil fuel subsidies In-depth discussion about “Direct transfer of funds”, including definition, measurement, data availability, challenges, and recommendations	-Lourdes Sánchez, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
10:55 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:25	Discussion about “induced transfers”, including definition, measurement, data availability, challenges and recommendations.	-Toru Muta, International Energy Agency (IEA)
11:25 – 11.50	Training about “tax expenditures”, including definition, measurement, data availability, challenges and recommendations.	-Mark Mateo. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) TBC
11.50- 12.00	Comments and Questions from the public	

## Day 2 - 24 September Technical segment

09:00 – 09:05	Welcome, presentation of the agenda for the day	-Javier Neme, UNEP ROLAC
09.05 - 09.25	National experience of fossil fuel subsidies identification and analysis practices, focused on the data collection process.	- Carlos Muñoz Piña, World Resources Institute (WRI) TBC



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09:25 – 09:50	Steps to report on FFS for SDG indicator 12.c.1, using the reporting template and focusing on the scope and items not yet discussed.	Jonas Kuehl, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
09:50 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 10:50	Breakout sessions: participants will identify and classify subsidy measures according to typology and place them in the reporting template.	Lourdes Sánchez, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
10:50 – 11:15	Plenary meeting to discuss results of the breakout sessions, countries comments and queries.	Lourdes Sánchez, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
11.15- 11.30	<b>Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS) for SDGs</b> live demo for SDG Indicator 12.c.1. Q & A	Dany Ghafari, Science Division, UNEP
11:30 - 11.40	Training workshop survey	
11:40 – 12.00	Closing remarks	UNEP/ECLAC/CARICOM